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**It's "Lucky Passenger Day" as Walker, Devine and Airlines
Surprise Passengers with Free Airline Tickets;
Event Celebrates the Renovation of Concourse E at Mitchell International Airport**

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN –Lady Luck landed today at Milwaukee County's General Mitchell International Airport. **Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker, member of the County Board's Transportation & Public Works Committee Supervisor Dan Devine**, and the managers of Concourse E airlines **AirTran, Continental Express** and **Northwest**, surprised three different passengers arriving on three different flights on the three different airlines with a pair of airline tickets and a gift basket of travel items. The event was held to celebrate completion of a \$2.7 million renovation of the Concourse E stem.

The "Lucky Day" passengers were:

David Yankunas
Port Washington, WI
Arrived on Continental Express

Tracy Twardowski
Antioch, IL
Arrived on AirTran

Monique Zore
San Ramon, CA
Arrived on Northwest

The renovation project created a fourth lane in the security checkpoint, added a children's play area and an ADA-compliant family restroom, and created office space for TSA and the airlines. New soffit lighting brightens the stem, and new carpet and impact-resistant wall panels have been installed. Concourse E has 10 gates and serves two million passengers annually.

Walker said the concourse refurbishment is part of the County's ongoing plan to keep the airport efficient and attractive, while planning to accommodate projected growth in the number of business and leisure passengers. "This renovation is an example of the first-class look and feel we need to create in southeastern Wisconsin to draw conventions, tourism and business investment to the region," said Walker.

Airport Director Barry Bateman noted that, "Milwaukee is on the FAA's list of airports that will see significant growth in passengers over the next 20 years. It is viewed as an alternative to O'Hare, particularly as homes and businesses fill in the 70-mile corridor between Milwaukee and Chicago." Ticket winner Tracy Twardowski, from Antioch IL, noted that Mitchell Airport is actually closer to her home and is "less hassle than O'Hare."

Continued growth in numbers of passengers and flights is forecast by the airport's Master Plan. In 2006, a record number of passengers, 7.3 million, used Mitchell.

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The E stem renovation marks the fifth of six major concourse remodeling projects to be completed at the airport. The first, which added two lanes (for a total of six) and widened the security checkpoint on Concourse D, was completed in December 2004. The second, a complete renovation and widening of the Concourse C stem, was finished in July 2006. The third, which added one lane (for a total of four) to the security checkpoint on Concourse E, opened in August 2006. A fourth project renovated and added ground-level boarding gates to Concourse D, opening in December 2006. The final project is an eight-gate addition to Concourse C scheduled for completion in July 2007.

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